

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-39 are pending. The Office Action withdraws claims 35-39 from consideration. Claims 1-34 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-34 have been amended.

Claims 1-28, 31 and 33 have been amended to replace the term “derivatives” with the term “salts.” Support for the amendment is found at pages 75 and 76 of the specification.

Claims 2-8, 10, 12-13, 15-26, and 28-33 have been amended to place the term “A” before compound.

Claim 34 has been amended to require an “effective amount” of a compound of claim 1, “or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof” in the claimed pharmaceutical composition.

None of these changes adds new matter to the application.

Claims 1-27 and 28-34 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for several minor formal issues. Applicants have amended these claims in response. The word “salts” has replaced “derivatives;” the indefinite article “A” has been inserted before compound in a number of claims, claim 34 has been amended to recite an “effective amount” of the compound, all as suggested in the Office Action. With these amendments the rejections have been overcome.

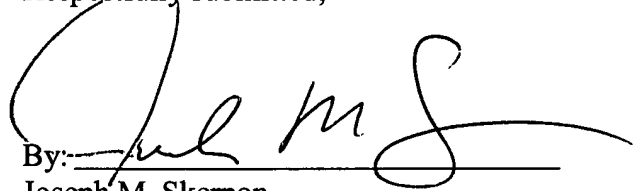
Claims 1-34 stand provisionally rejected over the claims of co-pending application No. 10/936,538 and over the claims of U.S. Patent 6,822,097 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. This rejection is respectfully traversed. .

Without acceding to the merits of these rejections, applicants provided a Terminal Disclaimer to facilitate further prosecution and allowance of the claims.

In re application of: Wenge ZHONG, et al.
Application No. 10/736,289

Reconsideration and formal allowance of the pending claims thus are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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